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READ the following.

From the Madras Provincial Handloom Cloth Merchants Associatic dated 26-7-47 and 29-7-47.
From the Government of India, Department of Commerce No. 67-CW /45 dated 25.7.57.
From the Provincial Textile Commissioner No. 79126/47-H4 dated 29-7-194'

O R D E R:-

The Government have considered the resolutions passed by the Ceylon Export Advisory Committee at its fourth meeting held on 24th July 1947 and they pass the following orders:

Resolution 1. "This Committee recommends that in view of t fact that the Ceylon Government has de-couponed and de-contr ed handloom goods of 40s andbelow the stamping of such clot may be dropped. As the quota of finer counts is small, the stamping in respect of these counts also may be dropped."

The Government have decided that prices must be stamped on handloom cloth whether it is meant for internal consumption or for export out of the province. If prices are not stamped on the cloth intended for export to Ceylon, there will be scope for merchants to evade the marking of prices on other cloth also under the pretex that it is meant for export to Ceylon. The Government consider tha the existing arrangements should therefore continue, till the price control provisions of the Madras Handloom Cloth (Control) Order, 19 1947 are brought into operation.

Resolution 2. "As countries like Burma, Ceylon and Malaya are importing large quantities of fine mill made textiles from countries like United Kingdom and United States of Amer and demand for handloom goods particularly of coarser varieti in these countries is practically disappearing. And if this condition continues to exist for some more time, Indian hand- loom products will ultimately losse the market in these coun es. No other Provincial Governments have such restrictions. This Committee therefore requests the Government of Madras t recommend to the Government of India to remove all restricti on counts on the export of handloom goods to Far and Middle Eastern countries or at least to permit export of 50 of fin varieties against handloom quota assigned to these countrie

The Provincial Textile Commissioner does not recommend either of the alternative suggestions made. The Government agree with the Provincial Textile Commissioner's views. The Provincial Textile Co missioner however proposes that the export quota of fine cloth to Ceylon may be increased as a special case from 12,50,000 to 1 7,50 yards and that the quota of superfine cloth may remain at 9 7,500 yards as at present. The Government observe that the cloth position has not changed since the beginning of the year and that it is such that this province cannot afford to increase the quota of fine clot for export to Ceylon. They therefore consider that the quota of fin and superfine cloth for export to Ceylon should remain the same as that for the last half year. The Government of India will be infor accordingly.

Resolution 3:-
With a view to protect the handloom industry of the Madras Province which is the largest handloom producing area in t country and to rationalise the production of handloom goo with a view to find continuous markets in Far and Middle Eastern countries which are now being exploited by progres

progressive countries like United Kingdom and Unites State America, this Committee recommends to the Government of Mad to send a deputation of handloom interests to these overseas markets with a view to ~~pre~~ study local conditions and to advise Indian handloom producers with regard to the productio of suitable varieties of handloom products that can find a ready market abroad."

Resolution 4:-
"Resolved to request the Government to depute the Provincial Textile Commissioner or his ~~nomin~~ nominee to visit Ceylon to study the present market conditions. The trade will send its representatives at its own expense to assit him."

The Government consider that the Provincial Textile Commissior will be able to get all the necessary information about the market c conditions in Ceylon in respect of handloom cloth by contacting the representative of the Government of India in Ceylon and other countr The Government consider that the proposal of the Provincial Textile Commissioner to send a deputation, or an official of the Textile Dep ment of this province to ceylon should be taken up only if this line of approach proves futile.

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To
The Provincial Textile Commissioner, Madras.
The Provincial Handloom Cloth Merchants Association, Madras

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